

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

*Please amend the paragraphs as follows:*

*Please replace paragraph [0040] with the following amended paragraph:*

**[0040]** ~~Figure 2~~ Figures 2A – 2D schematically ~~illustrates~~ illustrate an exemplary arrangement of the DC/DC converter depicted in Figure 1;

*Please replace paragraph [0047] with the following amended paragraph:*

**[0047]** In order to provide the necessary boost, power unit 1 further includes a DC/DC converter 9 coupled to fuel cell 8. In contrast to conventional DC/DC converters, DC/DC converter 9 can operate to boost the very low input voltage supplied by fuel cell 8, i.e., as low as 0.3 or 0.4 V. ~~Figure 2~~ Figures 2A – 2D schematically ~~illustrates~~ illustrate DC/DC converter 9 according to the invention, such that the very low voltage output of an individual fuel cell can be adequate to power powered device 16. DC/DC converter 9 has an input voltage range ( $V_{in}$ ) between 0.3 and 1.1 V, an output voltage ( $V_{out}$ ) of  $5 \pm 0.1$  V, and an output voltage adjustment of 3 – 5 V. Moreover, DC/DC converter 9 can be adjusted to output powers of 1.5W, 2.5W, or 5W. Further, to increase power output, two DC/DC converters can be arranged in parallel, thereby doubling the output power.